

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A method for facilitating placement of an implantable
~~implanting-implantation~~ A device configured for
beneath a patient's skin for the purpose of tissue, e.g.,
nerve or muscle, stimulation and/or parameter monitoring and/or data
communication. Devices in accordance with the invention are comprised of a
sealed housing, typically having an axial dimension of less than 60 mm and a
lateral dimension of less than 6 mm, containing a power source for powering
electronic circuitry within including a controller, an address storage means, a data
signal receiver and an input/output transducer. When used as a stimulator, such a
device is useful in a wide variety of applications to stimulate nerves and
associated neural pathways. Alternatively, devices of the present invention are
configurable to monitor a biological parameter. Furthermore, a A placement
structure is shown for facilitating placement of the implantable device proximate to
neural / muscular tissue.